

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claim 1 stands objected to because of a minor informality.

Claims 1 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,525,683 to Gu.

Claims 2-13 and 15-17 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Claims 2 and 15 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of previous claim 2. Claim 14 has been amended to incorporate the features of previous claim 15. Claim 8 has been amended into independent form by incorporating the features of previous claim 1. New claim 18 has been added. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-14 and 16-18 are presently pending for consideration on the merits.

The Claims Do Not Contain Objectionable Subject Matter

Claim 1 stands objected to because of a minor informality in the phrase “an aging” on line 4 of original claim 1. By way of the foregoing Amendment, Applicants have deleted the phrase “an aging” from newly amended independent claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants

respectfully submit that the objection to claim 1 is now moot. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claim 1 be withdrawn.

All Claims Comply with 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,525,683 to Gu. The Examiner is thanked for the indication that original claims 2-13 and 15-17 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In accordance with this indication, claim 1 has been amended to include the features of original claim 2 and claim 14 has been amended to include the features of claim 15. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that newly amended independent claims 1 and 14 are in prima-facie condition for allowance. Claims 2 and 15 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In addition, claim 3 has been amended to now depend from newly-amended independent claim 1. Dependent claims 3-7, 16 and 17 are allowable at least because of their dependence on independent claims 1 and 14, as amended.

Applicants respectfully submit that newly-amended independent claim 8 is now in condition for allowance since newly-amended independent claim 8 includes, amongst other features, the feature of “a capacitor connected between the cell drive voltage source and the gate terminals of the first and second switch devices, wherein a cathode terminal of the electro luminescence cell is connected to a cell support voltage source of a positive voltage,” which the

Office Action indicates to be allowable subject matter. Further, dependent claims 9-13 are allowable at least because of their dependence on independent claim 8, as amended.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection is thus respectfully requested.

New Claim 18 is Allowable

Applicants respectfully submit that new independent claim 18 is in condition for allowance since independent claim 18 includes, amongst other features, the features of claim 3, which the Office Action indicates to be allowable subject matter. Further, there is no description or suggestion in the cited art of record of such a combination of features recited in new independent claim 18. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that new independent claim 18 is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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